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Ecclesiasticus
18:30-33

**Setting
Yourself
Up For
Sorrow**

**30 Go not after
thy lusts, but
refrain thyself
from thine
appetites.**

**31 If thou givest
thy soul the
desires that
please her,
she will make
thee a laughing
stock to thine
enemies, that
malign thee.**

**32 Take not
pleasure in
much good
cheer,
neither be tied
to the expense
thereof.**

**33 Be not
made
a beggar by
banqueting
upon borrowing,
when thou
hast nothing**

**in thy purse,
for thou
shalt lie in
wait for thy
own life: and
be talked on.**



Some time ago,
I saw a clip about
a young woman in
her mid 20s who
had debt collectors
standing at her
front door. They
were waiting to
repossess unpaid
home furnishings
and other items
in her condo.

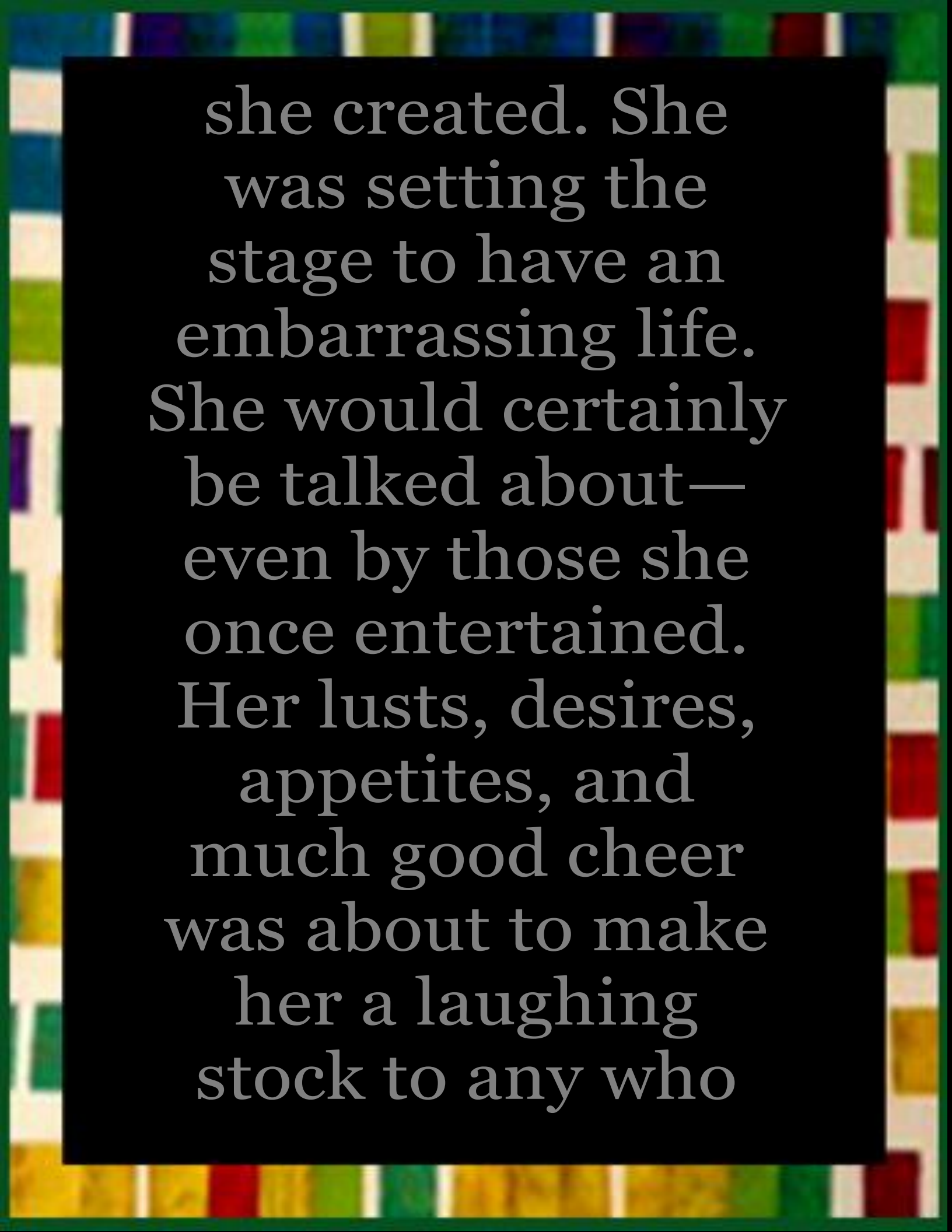
At the same time,

guests were
visiting her and
enjoying her
expensive foods
and drinks.

The woman had
been regularly
entertaining
others, spending
lots of money on
lavish cars, clothes,
jewels, collectables,
music, trips and

other things she obviously couldn't afford— including the home itself.

She was about to become a beggar by banqueting on (indulging) borrowing though she had nothing in her purse. She had become tied to the expenses



she created. She
was setting the
stage to have an
embarrassing life.
She would certainly
be talked about—
even by those she
once entertained.
Her lusts, desires,
appetites, and
much good cheer
was about to make
her a laughing
stock to any who

would love to see
her down. She was
setting herself up
for sorrow.

This bit of wisdom
can be seen as a
warning to avoid
this kind of
scenario which is,
unfortunately,
quite common in
many societies.
Far too many

insist on living
above their means
and they end up
suffering harsh
consequences.

This guidance
was applicable
during the time
it was written
and in today's
times as well.

It's sound
advice for anyone

to keep their
“gotta’-have-it”
behavior
(harmful cravings),
in check.

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